

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Common portions of applications are extracted as common system service. A platform is formed by the common system service and a general purpose OS. A printer  
5 application, a copy application, and various applications are mounted on the platform. As a result, each software (application) corresponding to a printer, a copier, a facsimile device, and so on can be developed efficiently and the productivity of the apparatus as a whole can be  
10 improved.